GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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STRENGTHENING OF FCRA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating for strengthening the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act to monitor and control Hawala Channels;

(b) if so, the present position in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have indentified the organizations which receive funds from abroad;

(d) if so, the names of such organizations and the sources through which they are receiving funds and the amount received by them from abroad in each of the last three years;

(e) whether the ISI of Pakistan has been using Hawala Channels for funding some organizations in India;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government are planning to make existing laws on funding of NGOs more stringent, making it mandatory for the organizations to get prior official approval for funding; and

(h) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSO PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a),(b),(g) & (h): Government is considering certain changes in the law governing the receipt and utilization of foreign contribution by voluntary organizations to remove shortcomings noticed in the present law.

(c) & (d): Such details are available in the Annual Report on the receipt of foreign contribution by voluntary associations published by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division).The Annual Reports upto the year 2000-2001 are available in the Parliamentary Library. The report for the year 2001-2002 is under compilation.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. According to available information, Pakistan`s ISI is, by all accounts, the main source of clandestine funding, inter-alia, through hawala channels, of subversive and terrorist organizations operating in India.